

# Morning Highlights

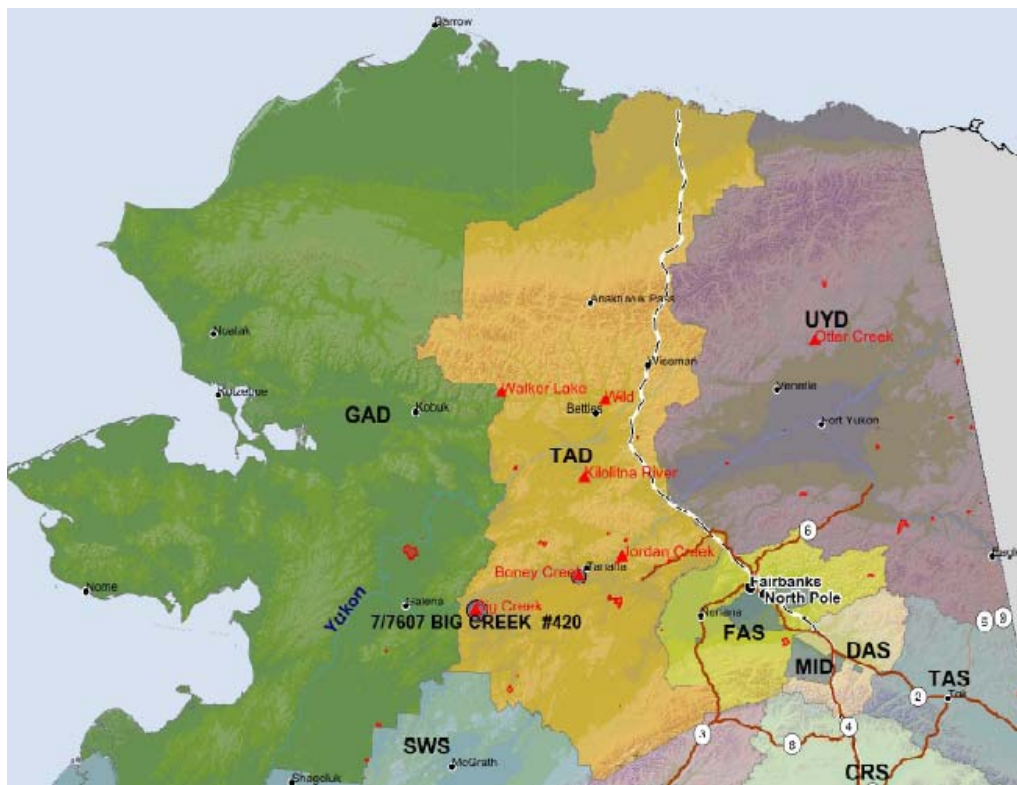
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The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center received an order Thursday for an initial attack (IA) Type 2 crew. Fire activity in the Lower-48 moderated, but there is need for IA resources. The Yukon Type 2 IA crew filling the order will travel to Oregon tomorrow.

## FIRE INFORMATION FOR ALASKA

Six new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Thursday. Five of the new fires were in the BLM Alaska Fire Service (BLM-AFS) Galena Zone: one was put out by smokejumpers and a local with a dozer, and the other four are in monitor status. One new fire was reported in the BLM-AFS Upper Yukon Zone and is in monitor status. So far this year, 429 fires have burned nearly 324,550 acres statewide. Currently, 95 fires are active, eight are staffed. Though initial attack activity was light Thursday, activity is centered on logistical support to the staffed fires.



Map shows staffed fires. Currently, the most fire activity is found in the Galena Zone (GAD), Tanana Zone (TAD) and Upper Yukon Zone (UYD). Fire information maps may be found at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

The Kilolitna River (#478), Walker Lake (#462), Otter Creek (#430), and Jordan Creek (#372) fires will be demobilized today.

**Big Creek Fire (#420):**

The 3,500-acre fire was creeping and smoldering Thursday. Crews worked to establish fireline and mop up. The fire is approximately 50-percent contained. The Allakaket #1, Grayling, Kaltag #2, Ruby and Tanana #2 Emergency Firefighter (EFF) crews and the Denali, Midnight Sun and Pioneer Peak Type 1 crews are staffing the fire.

**Boney Creek Fire (#416):**

Smoldering in hardwoods and white spruce was observed. Crews worked Thursday to mop-up and remove hose from the fireline. Today they will extend the area they have mopped up from 20 feet inside the perimeter to 100 feet. The Chena Hotshots and Northstar Type 2 crews were re-assigned to the Wild Fire. EFF crews remain on the fire: Allakaket, Ft. Yukon #3, Noorvik #1, St. Marys, Stebbins #2 and Venetie #1.

**Wild Fire (#443):**

The Chena and Northstar fire crews are staffing the fire and the Scammon Bay EFF crew will be shuttled to the fire today. Crews are working to construct fireline from the Koyukuk River to the Wild River. The 2,120-acre fire is burning in black and white spruce.

**For additional fire information, please visit:**

**<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>**

**OTHER**

Pilots are advised to check NOTAMs as Temporary Flight Restrictions are in effect within the state. Fire air operations personnel ask that pilots please respect TFRs and avoid airspace over wildland fires, even if a TFR is not in place, because of safety concerns. For specific information visit: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>

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## ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: [www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm](http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm)
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

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